[Ibuki Satsuki's Comic Collection]

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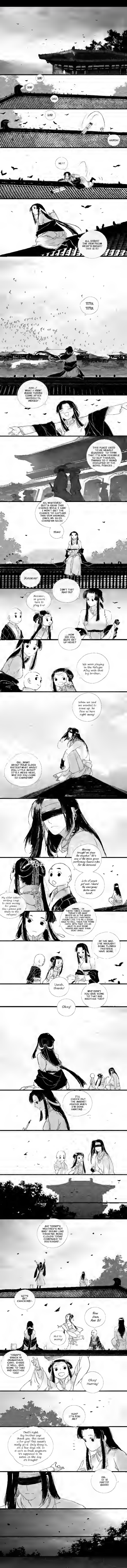
T/N: THE EVENTS OF THE NEXT 2 CHAPTERS ARE ABOUT HOW XIAOXIAO AND QIUBAO FIRST MET. THEY OCCUR BEFORE THE YANMEN PASS DRABBLES.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HAIYOH!
HUP!
ALL RIGHT! THE VIEW FROM HERE'S GREAT! THIS IS IT!
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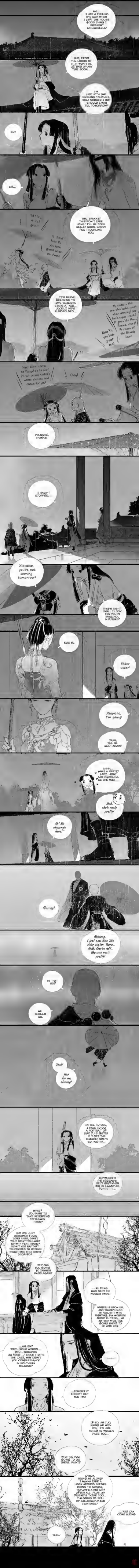
AHH—! WHAT A VIEW! GOOD THINGS COME AFTER HARDSHIPS, INDEED!
THIS PLACE USED TO BE HEAVILY GUARDED. TO THINK THAT IT'S NOW POSSIBLE TO SLIP THROUGH, THANKS TO IT BEING OCCUPIED BY THE REBEL FORCES
AH, WHATEVER! GOTTA GRAB THIS CHANCE WHILE I CAN! I WON'T GET THE CHANCE TO CAPTURE THIS VIEW ANYMORE, ONCE WE SEIZE CHANG'AN BACK!
YEAH!
Xiaoxiao!
ISN'T THAT XIAO YU?
Xiaoxiao, so you're here to play too!
HOW DID YOU GUYS GET UP HERE?
We were playing in the Refugee Alley with that big brother...
When we said we wanted to come up, he flew us here right away!
OH... WHAT ABOUT YOUR ELDER SISTER? WHAT ABOUT YOU, LITTLE MONK? IT'S A MESS HERE. WHY DID YOU COME TO CHANG'AN?
Shixiong brought me down the mountain~ He's now at the mass grave performing funeral rites for the bereaved.
Lots of people got sick. I heard the emergency herbs were burnt...
My elder sister's writing songs to raise money for grains. She's gonna give them to the refugees!
HMMM... IN THESE TIMES, I DOUBT THERE'D BE MANY WHO'D BE IN THE MOOD TO COLLECT PAINTINGS. SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO SELL THEM FOR SOME CASH. WITH THAT, I'D BE ABLE TO BUY SOME HERBS AND HAVE THEM SENT OVER...
BY THE WAY, I'VE BROUGHT SOME FLOWER PASTRIES. HAVE SOME.
Uwah, thanks!
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE SOME TO THAT BIG BROTHER TOO?
Okay!
I'LL CHECK OUT THE MARKET PRICES WHEN I'M DONE PAINTING
AH! TODAY'S WEATHER'S NOT BAD! SEEMS LIKE THERE'RE MORE CLOUDS TODAY COMPARED TO YESTERDAY...
LET'S GET CRACKING!~
Slow down, Xiao Yu!
Not to worry!
TODAY'S SNACK IS OSMANTHUS CAKE. SHARE IT WELL. GIVE SOME TO THAT BIG BROTHER TOO!
Okay! Hurray!
HUH? IT'S FOR ME?
That's right. Big brother says thank you, this sweet is for you! This sweet's really good. Only thing is, it's a few days old, so it isn't as fresh anymore. It's supposed to be eaten on the day it's bought!
OH, IT IS PRETTY GOOD!


AH... I HAD A FEELING IT'D RAIN WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE. GOOD THING I BROUGHT AN UMBRELLA!
BUT, FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, IT WON'T BE LETTING UP ANY TIME SOON...
I'M LEFT WITH THE FINISHING TOUCHES. WHAT SHOULD I DO? SHOULD I WAIT TILL TOMORROW?
EH?
OH...
THA, THANKS! THIS WON'T TAKE LONG! I'LL BE DONE REALLY SOON, SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU!
Hei! Does it look good!
It does! Xiao Yu, you look great when you twirl!
IT'S NERVE WRACKING TO HAVE SOMEONE STARE AT YOU... LUCKILY, HE'S BLINDFOLDED...
My sister's the one who looks great when dancing! Her fan's super pretty! It goes like this... Dance, start! Princess of the Bloody Rain!
Xiao Yu, you look great too!
Next time come to Yangzhou to play! I'll put on my sister's water sleeves and dance for you!
Okay!
I'M DONE, THANKS.
IT HASN'T STOPPED...
Xiaoxiao, you're not coming tomorrow?
THAT'S RIGHT. SHALL I LOOK FOR YOU IN YANGZHOU IN FUTURE?
XIAO YU.
Elder sister!
Xiaoxiao, I'm going!
YEAH, TILL WE MEET AGAIN!
AHHH, WHAT A PRETTY LADY, LIGHT AND GRACEFUL AS THE MIST.
Yeah, she's really pretty!
Ah! My shixiong's here!
Shixiong!
Shixiong, I just saw Xiao Yu's elder sister there... Ahhh, they've left... She was really pretty!
IS THAT SO?
WE SHOULD GO.
Yeah!
Wait for me, shixiong!
IN THE FUTURE, I HAVE TO DO A PORTRAIT OF XIAO YU'S SISTER IF I GET THE CHANCE! SHE'S SO PRETTY...
EH? WHERE'S THE BEGGAR'S SECT GUY? WHEN DID HE LEAVE? AH, FORGET IT...
WHAT? YOU WANT TO TAKE PENGPENG TO YANMEN PASS?
BUT YOU JUST RETURNED FROM TONG PASS, DIDN'T YOU? DIDN'T YOU MEET UP WITH FENG NIANG? DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WANTED TO RETURN SOMETHING THAT SHE'D DROPPED?
WHY ARE YOU GOING TO YANMEN PASS AGAIN?
...XU FENG WAS SENT TO YANMEN PASS.
WINTER IS UPON US, AND YANMEN PASS IS FRAUGHT WITH FIGHTING. I'M WORRIED ABOUT XU FENG... NO MATTER WHAT, I'M GOING THERE TO BE WITH HER.
...AH, EH? WAIT... YOUR WORDS... YOU... TOWARDS XU FENG... / SINCE THAT'S THE CASE, WHY DIDN'T YOU CONFESS BACK IN SOUTHERN XINJIANG?
...FORGET IT. I DON'T GET YOU TWO.
IF SO, AH TUO, BRING ME WITH YOU. I'D LIKE TO GO TO YANMEN PASS TOO...
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO THERE, PAINT?
C'MON, BRING ME ALONG! I WANNA TAKE A LOOK AROUND BEFORE GOING TO TAIYUAN. TAIYUAN'S A BIG CITY AFTER ALL. PLUS, MY FRIEND'S THERE TOO... I'M GOING TO SELL MY CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTINGS!
...YOU CAN COME ALONG.
YEAH!